

ABSTRACT

BULK BAGS

5 A bulk bag for the storage and transport of bulk
materials, comprises: a bottom panel; a plurality of side
panels; a pair of substantially parallel collapsible
tubular guide members, each tubular guide member having a
first end and a second end and being secured on or
10 adjacent to the top of a side panel; and a plurality of
lifting straps; each end of each tubular guide member
supporting a lifting strap and the tubular members being
connected together by a first spacer; wherein the first
spacer comprises at least one axially stiff elongate
15 member and is provided with a pair of jaws at each end,
each pair of jaws comprising a first jaw member and a
second jaw member and being adjustable between an open
position and a closed position and biased to the open
position by spring means; each pair of jaws being
20 connected to a tubular member at or adjacent to the first
end thereof in a manner whereby when the jaws are in the
closed position they will cause at least the first end of
each tubular member to lie substantially flat and when the
jaws are in the open position they will cause or permit at
25 least the first end of each of the tubular members to
adopt a shape which is suitable for receiving a tine of a
fork-lift. Other aspects of the invention provide a
support device for modifying a conventional bulk bag, and
a spacer for use in the bag or support device.

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